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INTERVIEW WITH AMIR SHEIKH AHMAD IMAN ALI



MYC Press Office: Recently, the great satan released a report saying that the Government of Kenya has defeated the Mujahideen in Somalia and in Kenya. what is your view on this?

Amir Ahmad Iman: I wouldnt argue the report from my point of view because it wouldnt qualify a better description than trash. However if the objective of Kenya as portrayed from their "Operation Linda Nchi" slogan was the parameter for gauging the success or failure of their mission, I believe no sane Kenyan would disagree that the whole Operation has been a total disaster. From a simple analysis of comparing attacks before and after their infamous "Operation Linda Nchi", rather than achieve "Linda Nchi" what has manifested is "Operation Vuruga Nchi". Hence the report is some kind of pat on the shoulder so as Kenyans are not discouraged, since attacks and incursions into Kenya speak a totally different story.

MYC Press Office: In January 2012, you released a video to the Mujahideen in Kenya telling them that Kenya is legally a war zone. Many believe you were forced to issue this video to demonstrate your allegiance to our beloved Amir Sheikh Abu Zubeyr (May Allah Protect him for the Mujahideen). What was the real reason for the video release?

Amir Ahmad Iman: First, the video that was released in January 2012 its main objective was *Tahreedh*, thats more to do with inspiring and inciting the Ummah, and doing *Tahreedh* is *Ibaadah* as has been Commanded by Allah SW. Second, a war zone is Not affirmed by announcement rather by the enmity shown by the Kuffar even if nobody makes any announcement about it. So Kenya was actually a war zone since the time of the Wagalla massacre. Third, the video for offering my allegiance to our beloved Amir

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“...we need to understand that giving our allegiance to the Amir [Sheikh Abu Zubeyr], while listening & obeying him in what is not forbidden is regarded as a compulsory Ibadah, and I thank Allah SW that I fulfilled my obligation without coercion from anyone. And May Allah SW Keep us steadfast on the path of Hijra & Jihad, Listening & Obeying and Jama'ah, Allahumma Aameen.”

Sheikh Abu Zubeyr (May Allah Protect him) was a different one and not the mentioned. Lastly, we need to understand that giving our allegiance to the Amir, while listening & obeying him in what is not forbidden is regarded as a compulsory Ibadah, and I thank Allah SW that I fulfilled my obligation without coercion from anyone. And May Allah SW Keep us steadfast on the path of Hijra & Jihad, Listening & Obeying and Jama'ah, Allahumma Aameen.

MYC Press Office: Everyday we hear news of the Muhaajireen claiming they are not satisfied with the current situation with Mujahideen in Somalia. Some have issued videos and some have issued letters. What does this say about the commitment of Muhaajireen in Al-Shabaab?

Amir Ahmad Iman: As for the videos and letters that have been spread in the internet, Alhamdulillah much has been explained in detail through the official twitter handle. Alhamdulillah while the commitment of Muhaajireen in Al-Shabaab is steady, its a pity that a few want to tarnish that name. Its a known fact that in every society you cant miss hecklers, and so the family of Mujahideen has hecklers too, but their whining will not halt the caravan of Jihad from reaching its destination inshaAllah.

Amir Ahmad Iman: One thing that never bothers me is rumors, as I said before I neither hold a post at the moment nor see myself holding any in the near future. I have NOT heard anyone fleeing the battlefield and using my name as an excuse, if they are there then I congratulate them for their ingenuity. The brothers who claim they left Somalia because I never supported them, should fear Allah SW and accept that they were unable to complete the journey of Jihad. Many brothers from "Mtaani" came to Jihad before me and are still holding on without any complaints. Concerning brothers who want to make Hijra,

MYC Press Office: Today many in "Mtaani" there are those that view you as a leader of the youth and there are some that say you abandon the youth because of power and fame. What is your response?

Amir Ahmad Iman: Being the leader of the youth was a past responsibility, and Alhamdulillah currently I hold NO post. My journey to Jihad was an obligation that I had postponed for a very long time and I used to advice the youth, time and again, that our responsibility lies in the battlefield. So if anyone thinks that I abandoned them because of power and fame, my response is yes but power and fame in Aakhera, not in this world. And May Allah SW Accept our deeds and keep us steadfast, Aameen.

MYC Press Office: As you know, in "Mtaani" and Mombasa there are rumours that your leadership skills are part of the reason why many brothers have fled Jihad in Somalia. Some brothers have claimed you never supported them while they were in Somalia. How can you reassure our brothers who want to take Hijra that their welfare will be guaranteed?

am in NO position to give guarantees, but I have one advice for them: Make Hijra for the Sake of Allah SW, Fight Jihad for the Sake of Allah SW and remember that Allah SW Will Test you in this path in every way so as to cleanse you and help you attain Sincerity.

MYC Press Office: What are you personally doing encourage Kenyans and other brothers from East African to join the caravan of Jihad?

Amir Ahmad Iman: The Hijra and Jihad that many of us have embarked upon is the biggest

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Da'wah to all the brothers, especially in East Africa, who are ready to fight for Islam, and by holding hands together with my Brothers, Muhaajireen and Ansaar, we shall inshaAllah keep raising the Black Banner of *Laa ilaha illa Allahu Muhammad Rasuulullah* so high that the Ummah from all corners of the world will continue pouring in for its defence.

MYC Press Office: As you know, Jihad is an obligation for us. Why did you decide to go for Jihad and why in Somalia?

Amir Ahmad Iman: Why I went for Jihad, you just mentioned it, it is an obligation. I chose Somalia because it was the closest land of Jihad, and many scholars have explained that if the enemy attacks any Muslim land then they should be repelled by the dwellers, and if they cant manage then the neighbours who are closer should give them support until the enemy is defeated.

MYC Press Office: Some brothers have claimed Jihad should be global and not local. What are your views on this?

Amir Ahmad Iman: My view is exactly what has been established in the Fiqhi books of the Salaf Saalih (Past Predecessors) that Jihad is of two types: Defensive and Offensive, and Defensive takes priority.

MYC Press Office: When you were announced the Amir of Kenya in 2012 by our beloved Al-Shabaab many were very pleased that someone from "Mtaani" was given such a responsibility. What have been your achievements and failures so far?

Amir Ahmad Iman: Am NOT aware of such an announcement, as I said before I hold NO post, am a Mujaahid like any other Mujaahid, so regarding the Amir of Kenya there are NO achievements NOR failures as the position itself is non-existent.

MYC Press Office: What is your view on Sheikh Aboud Rogo (May Allah Accept him as Martyr) as a Mujahideen?

Amir Ahmad Iman: Sheikh Aboud Rogo (May Allah SW Accept him) I regard him very highly, he is among the few who walked the talk. He was a rare gem in the field of Jihaad and it shall take some time before we witness a person of his character again. In our times there are different fields of Jihaad, the role he played in his lectures is one of these fields, I consider him having attained martyrdom through his tongue. His tongue was a combination of the most sophisticated of weapons, it made kuffar tremble in fear, munafiqeen detest him and the evil scholars regard him an antipathy. But he was most beloved by the Mu'minun and May Allah Accept him and his deeds, AllahummaAameen

MYC Press Office: What is your message to the Ummah in East Africa?

Amir Ahmad Iman: Allah SW Says: {Say: if your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your kindred, the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, and the dwellings in which you delight are dearer to you than Allah and His Messenger, and striving hard and fighting in His Cause, then wait until Allah brings about His Decision (torment). And Allah guides not the people who are Al-Fasiqun (the rebellious, disobedient to Allah)}

[SuratuTawbah verse 24]

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